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Denmark, Morocco, Philippines and Zaire: draft resolution

Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

Recalling also its resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 1/

Recalling further all its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 37/53 of 3 December 1982, 46/96 of 16 December 1991, 47/88 of 16 December 1992, 48/95 and 48/99 of 20 December 1993 and 49/153 of 23 December 1994,

Noting with interest the initiative by non-governmental organizations in Denmark taken to develop a disability index based on the United Nations Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,

Welcoming the report of the Special Rapporteur responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Standard Rules and his recommendation that in the

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1/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

coming two years the focus should be mainly on legislation, coordination of work, organizations of persons with disabilities, accessibility, education and employment,

1. Urges all Governments and organizations to continue to strengthen their efforts to implement the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities by legal, administrative and all other appropriate measures;

2. Encourages Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the important work of the Special Rapporteur;

3. Calls upon Governments to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond by implementation of the Long-term Strategy;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate support for the effective functioning of the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action and distribute, inter alia, the Long-term Strategy to the Member States;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Programme, in close cooperation with the Statistical Division of the Secretariat, to finalize the development of global indicators for the fulfilment of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities and the respect of their human rights.